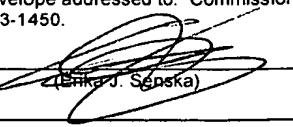


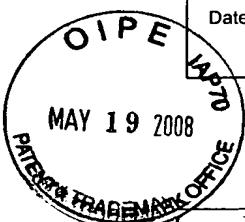
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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to an Office Action mailed April 22, 2008, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the captioned application. Restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is required:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a method for identifying a compound for altering a protein activity;
- II. Claims 12-14, drawn to a compound; and
- III. Claims 15-16, drawn to a method of treatment.

In response, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, directed to claims 1-11. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims, claims 12-16.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration is requested.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefore.

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Respectfully submitted,

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